

Garmisch Beat

Chapel hosts Lenten luncheons

The Garmisch Chapel is hosting a free light lunch of homemade soup and *Brötchen* every Tuesday during Lent (March 11 to April 15) in the chapel fellowship hall.

In addition to providing a warm meal, Chaplain Benzing will also share stories of the life of Jesus and "the truth of Easter."

For details call 08821-750-819 or e-mail ronald.benzing@garmisch.army.mil.

GCSC lunch club meets monthly

The Garmisch Community and Spouses' Club's next monthly lunch club meeting is March 14 at noon, in the Goldener Engel on Bankgasse (near McDonald's). RSVP by calling 08821-754-114 by March 12.

Next month's lunch will be April 11 in Spago's on Partnacstrasse. RSVP by April 9.

Youth Sports news update

■ The final **Wonderful Wednesday** of this season is March 19. A "fun race" is scheduled for 1:45 p.m., starting under the *Kreuzwankl* chair lift (parents and guests are welcome to watch and take pictures).

The program's banquet is the same day in the Hausberg Lodge. The buffet begins at 5 p.m., with the awards ceremony scheduled for 6 p.m.

■ Lee Farentino is offering **martial arts classes** for children (ages 10 and up) and adults. Registration fee for 10 sessions (twice per week for five weeks) is \$10.

■ The YS program is looking for a **swimming instructor**. If you can teach swimming (and have a current American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor certificate), contact Drew Benson at the YS. Fees and class times are negotiable.

■ **Baseball registration** has begun. Garmisch youth may sign up for Pee-Wee, Minor and Bantam leagues until April 18.

The first coaches' meeting and mandatory training is April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. The first practice is April 21.

For details about any of the items above, call 440-2654/civ. 08821-750-654 or e-mail drew.benson@garmisch.army.mil.

Wanted: musicians with talent

Singers and instrumentalists, soloists and groups – if you've got musical talent, the Garmisch community wants you for the May 16 community talent showcase.

To secure your place in the spotlight, call Bobbie Oakland at 442-2658/08821-759-658 or e-mail bobbie.oakland@garmisch.army.mil.

Burke Center promotes health, relaxation

■ Looking for a way to unwind from your hectic life? Interested in fresh air, exercise and the camaraderie of friends (all in a non-threatening environment)? If so, give **Women's Wellness Mondays** a try.

Meet at the Burke Lodge March 24 (and every other Monday thereafter) at 8:30 a.m. with your cross-country skis. We'll explore the area and unwind together. The cost is \$3 per person.

■ For those who prefer indoor health and relaxation activities, register for a **yoga class**. Sessions are Tuesdays, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 for a six-week "semester."

For details call Jessica Roberson at 440-2638/civ. 08821-750-678 or e-mail jessica.roberson@garmisch.army.mil.



Andrea Winter

Begun in October 2002, the project to fence Garmisch's Breitenau Housing Area (on Artillery Kaserne) is proceeding according to schedule, area officials say.

Fence project progresses

Winter weather forces delays, but Breitenau work remains on schedule

By Jennifer Sanders
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Battling bitter temperatures, contractors in Garmisch fought Mother Nature and her frozen beauty daily until heavy snowfalls piled so high that the Breitenau Housing Area fence project and its workers were forced to take a temporary break.

With community members' security a top priority for 6th Area Support Group leadership, local officials said workers have been relentless in their mission, and the project is still on track for a spring completion date.

The fence has been under construction since October 2002.

Russel Stokes, Area Support Team Garmisch director of public works, said the harsh winter and its surprises were built into the project timeline.

"With a meter of snow we had to take a pause in the work," Stokes said, adding work had to stop for about four weeks. "But the snow is melting rapidly, and in about two weeks work should begin again."

Once completed, the project will enclose the housing area.

"Even though we have had a lot of snow and the ground is frozen, we still believe the finish date will be met," said Linn Weaver, AST Garmisch force protection officer.

Garmisch officials said workers have been relentless in their mission, and the project is still on track for a spring completion date.

Weaver explained that the company putting in the fence even brought in a special system in order to continue drilling holes for the posts in a ground that is frozen solid.

In addition, Weaver said workers are using a cement that is ideal for a cold winter environment.

According to Stokes, preparatory work for the approximately 1,800-meter-long fence project began in October with tree and ground clearing and the installation of electrical conduit for perimeter lighting.

"Approximately 50 percent of the fence posts have already been set," Stokes said, explaining that this adds up to about a 60-percent completion of the project.

Once finished, Stokes said, the NATO-standard fence will mostly be hidden inside wooded areas.

During the initial planning process, he said, the team concluded that the fence's exposure to the general public should be minimal.

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